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SUBJECT: VISIT BY GUINEAN MINISTERIAL DELEGATION TO  
AFRICAN BUREAU

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: MINISTER ISMAEL TOURE AND DELEGATION  
HELD CORDIAL WORKING SESSION WITH AF AND AID OFFICIALS SEPT.  
10. LARGELY DEVOTED TO GOG DESIRE EXPAND ECONOMIC COOPERA-  
TION WITH US, NOTABLY IN PRIVATE SECTOR, MEETING ALSO  
TOUCHED ON ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT OF SUPPOSED US CITIZEN IN  
ANTI-TOURE PLOTTING. MINISTER TOURE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION  
PL-480 TITLE II SORGHUM SHIPMENT, SAID GOG WOULD REEXAMINE  
ON-SITE INSPECTION. ISMAEL PLEASED WITH CURRENT CBG  
OPERATION, AND FORESEES NO SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR BOARD  
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MEETING HERE. MINISTER HOPED US STEEL COULD BE PERSUADED  
JOIN MIFERGUI AS FULL PARTNER IN EXPLOITATION MAJOR IRON  
ORE DEPOSIT. END SUMMARY.

2. GUINEAN MINISTERIAL DELEGATION HEADED BY MINISTER

ISMAEL TOURE HELD 1-HOUR 15-MINUTE WORKING SESSION WITH ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROSS, DR. ADAMS OF AID AND AMBASSADOR TODMAN ON SEPTEMBER 19. MINISTER TOURE STRESSED GOG DESIRE CONTINUE AND EXPAND ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH US, ESPECIALLY WITH PRIVATE BUSINESS. HE PRESENTED LETTER FROM PRESIDENT TOURE TO PRESIDENT NIXON AUTHORIZING ECONOMIC COOPERATION TALKS WITH USG TO COINCIDE WITH CBG MEETING. MINISTER TOURE INDICATED HE WILL ALSO MEET WITH

REPRESENTATIVES OF US PRIVATE BUSINESS AND WITH IBRD, HOPEFULLY WITH MC NAMARA. ON SEPTEMBER 12 DELEGATION WILL GO TO CANADA FOR BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

3. MINISTER TOURE EXPLAINED DELEGATION WILL LEAVE NORTH AMERICA FOR MADRID TO ATTEND FIRST BOARD MEETING OF MIFERGUI ON SEPTEMBER 20. HE EMPHASIZED GUINEA'S DESIRE FOR US STEEL PARTICIPATION AS FULL PARTNER IN MIFERGUI CONSORTIUM, BUT CHARACTERIZED US STEEL'S ATTITUDE AS "VERY RESERVED, IF NOT SUSPICIOUS." ACKNOWLEDGING THAT US STEEL WOULD ATTEND MADRID MEETING AS AN OBSERVER, TOURE HOPED DEPARTMENT WOULD GIVE COMPANY ASSURANCE IT WOULD LOSE NOTHING BY COOPERATING WITH GUINEA. TOURE CLAIMED GUINEA HAS LARGEST DEPOSIT OF HIGHEST GRADE IRON ORE IN AFRICA, ADDING PRODUCTION IN 1974 FROM NIMBA SHOULD REACH 15 MILLION TONS RISING TO 40 MILLION TONS BY 1983.

4. IN DISCUSSING POTENTIAL US ASSISTANCE TO GUINEA, MINISTER UNDERLINED PRIORITY WHICH AGRICULTURE WILL HAVE UNDER 5-YEAR PLAN. HE SAID ONE OF MAJOR TASKS BEFORE 10TH PARTY CONGRESS, TO CONVENE SEPTEMBER 28, WILL BE ADOPTION AND INAUGURATION OF PLAN. (HE SAID AMBASSADOR SADAN TOURE WILL PROVIDE DEPARTMENT WITH COPY.) MINISTER NOTED AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS WILL BE TIED TO EACH OF FOLLOWING 5 INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS: FRIGUIA, TOUGUE, DABOLA, KINDIA AND MT. NIMBA.

5. AMBASSADOR ROSS RESPONDED THAT USG IS READY SEND AID  
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REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE FROM DAKAR (MC ADAMS) TO CONAKRY AT MUTUALLY AGREEABLE TIME TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES FOR SENDING SHORT-TERM AGRICULTURAL TECHNICIANS TO GUINEA. THIS WOULD BE CONDITIONED ON ESTABLISHMENT MUTUAL CONFIDENCE, WITH ASSURANCE THERE WOULD BE NO REPETITION OF PREVIOUS DIFFICULTIES WHICH INVOLVED SUSPICION AND BASELESS CHARGES AGAINST AMERICAN TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVES. MINISTER TOURE SAID NECESSARY CLIMATE WOULD NOT BE IMPOSSIBLE TO CREATE, ADDING QUESTION ONE OF METHOD. TO "AVOID CONFUSION" HE SUGGESTED EXPERTS SHOULD BE TIED TO SPECIFIC, PRECISE AND PREDETERMINED PROJECTS AND NOT BE SENT FOR GENERAL PURPOSES. FOR EXAMPLE, HE SAID SENDING AGRICULTURAL TECHNICIANS TO ASSIST IN AGRICULTUR-

AL PROJECT PLANNED FOR KAMSAR REGION WOULD PRESENT NO PROBLEM.

6. MINISTER TOURE SPOKE OF GUINEA'S PUBLIC MOBILIZATION AGAINST THREATS FROM PORTUGAL AND "TRADITIONAL ENEMIES - FRENCH COLONIALISTS AND THEIR FRIENDS." HE SAID IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS HAD BEEN RECEIVED AND THERE WAS NEED TO TELL

POPULATION AS WELL AS INFORM INTERNATIONAL OPINION. POSSIBILITY OF ATTACK COULD NOT BE EXCLUDED, HE ASSERTED. AMBASSADOR ROSS HOPED ESTABLISH AGREEMENT BETWEEN EMBASSY AND GOG WHEREBY ANY CHARGES OR SUSPICIONS OF USG WRONG-DOING WOULD BE RAISED IN PRIVATE WITH AMBASSADOR BEFORE PUBLICATION COULD BE EXTENDED TO INCLUDE ALLEGATIONS MADE AGAINST US PRIVATE CITIZENS. MINISTER TOURE SAID HE APPRECIATED CONCERN, BUT NOTED THAT SMALL COUNTRIES HAD TO DEFEND THEMSELVES AGAINST MANIPULATIONS OF BIG NATIONS. HE ASKED FOR A "CERTAIN LARGESSE" ON PART OF US. AMBASSADOR TODMAN FREE TO MAKE PUBLIC DENIAL OF ANY SUCH CHARGES.

7. EXPRESSING GUINEA'S THANKS FOR 2,000 TONS PL-480 TITLE II SORGHUM, MINISTER TOURE HOPED AID COULD EXAMINE "SECOND STEP" OF THIS ASSISTANCE. HE ACKNOWLEDGED GUINEA IS NOT AS SEVERELY HURT AS NEIGHBORS BUT INDICATED DROUGHT IS NOW PROGRESSING SOUTHWARD. AMBASSADOR ROSS NOTED INABILITY US EXPERTS ON TWO OCCASIONS TO VISIT DROUGHT STRICKEN AREA. HE SAID OUR LAWS REQUIRE ON-SITE INVESTIGATION LEAVING US NO DISCRETION IN MATTER. MINISTER CONFIDENTIAL

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TOURE SAID AREA AFFECTED IS NEAR GUINEA/GUINEA BISSAU BORDER AND THEREFORE SECURITY IS PROBLEM BUT HE AGREED GOG WOULD AGAIN LOOK INTO QUESTION.

8. MINISTER TOURE MADE SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO FOLLOWING PROJECTS: - -

A. CBG - GOG IS PLEASED WITH INITIATION FULL PRODUCTION AT BOKE. TOURE SAID 3 SHIPMENTS OF ORE HAVE NOW BEEN MADE. OFFICIAL INAUGURATION OF CBG IS PLANNED FOR 1974, (PERHAPS IN MAY) AFTER COMPLETION OF 3,000 METER AIR STRIP AT KAMSAR. TOURE HOPED DEPARTMENT WOULD DESIGNATE SOMEONE TO ATTEND CEREMONY. MINISTER INDICATED CBG MEETING WILL REVIEW SEVERAL PROBLEMS, NONE OF THEM SERIOUS: NEED FOR BIGGER HOUSING AREA FOR WORKERS, PLAN FOR AFRICANIZATION OF TECHNICAL STAFF, AND AGRICULTURAL PROJECT TO FEED WORKERS AT KAMSAR. HE SAID THERE REMAINED SOME "SMALL FINANCIAL PROBLEMS" BETWEEN GOG AND CBG WHICH HE INTIMATED WOULD BE RESOLVED EASILY. WHEN ASKED ABOUT SOTRAMAR SHIPPING COMPANY, TOURE GAVE GENERAL EXPLANATION THAT GOG IS CONSIDERING HIRING OR PURCHASING SHIPS FROM SWISS COMPANY BUT ADDED GOVERNMENT IS OPEN TO OTHER PROPOSITIONS. -

B. FRIGUIA - MINISTER TOURE SAID EARLY EXPERIENCE AT FRIA HAD BEEN ENCOURAGING BUT PROBLEMS HAD DEVELOPED SUBSEQUENTLY. HE SAID RECENTLY CREATED MIXED COMPANY HAS

USHERED IN ERA OF RENEWED CONFIDENCE. GOG HOPES FOR EXTENSION OF ALUMINA FACILITY FROM 600,000 TONS PER YEAR CAPACITY TO 1 MILLION TONS.

C. NIMBA - ACCORD WITH LIBERIA FOR TRANSPORTATION OF GUINEANS NIMBA ORE VIA LIBERIAN FACILITIES GRANTS LIBERIA PARTICIPATION RIGHTS FOR 5 PERCENT OF COMPANY STOCK. OVER LONGER RANGE, GOG DESIRES CONSTRUCTION TRANS-GUINEAN RAILROAD, PARTLY FOR PURPOSE OF EVACUATING NIMBA IRON ORE.

D. DIAMONDS - GOG HAS TERMINATED NATIONAL DIAMOND COMPANY AND NO LONGER PERMITS ARTISANAL PRODUCTION. GOG CONFIDENTIAL

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HOPES CREATE A NEW MIXED SOCIETY FOR DIAMOND PRODUCTION, USING BAUXITE COMPANY AS MODEL. RESERVES ARE SCATTERED AND SERIOUS INVESTIGATIVE WORK IS NEEDED.

E. OIL EXPLORATION - KEITH LINDEN, FORMERLY WITH CBG, HAS PRESENTED PROPOSAL FOR OFFSHORE OIL PROSPECTING IN GUINEAN COASTAL WATERS. MINISTER HOPES RELEVANT AGREEMENT CAN BE SIGNED SHORTLY TO CONFIRM THIS PROPOSAL.

F. FISHING PROJECT - DURING CURRENT TRIP MINISTER TOURE HOPES HAVE FISHING AGREEMENT SIGNED WITH AN AMERICAN FIRM. ACCORD WOULD BE SIMILAR TO ONE ALREADY SIGNED BY A JAPANESE COMPANY AND ONE PROPOSED TO DUTCH CONCERN.

G. IBRD - GUINEAN DELEGATION HOPES INTEREST BANK IN A HYDROAGRICULTURAL PROJECT, PLANS FOR WHICH HAVE EXISTED FOR 2 YEARS. PROJECT WOULD INVOLVE DAM CONSTRUCTION AND IRRIGATION FACILITIES FOR 6,000 HECTARES IN KINDIA AREA FOR CULTIVATION RICE, CORN AND VEGETABLES.

9. DISCUSSIONS WERE CORDIAL AND OPEN. CONTENTIOUS ISSUES WERE MINIMIZED AND GUINEAN DELEGATION APPEARED PLEASED WITH SESSION. ISMAEL HAS APPOINTMENT WITH UNDER SECRETARY PORTER ON SEPTEMBER 12. RUSH

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